

ANNUAL REPORTS
of the
Town of Litchfield
New Hampshire



For the Year Ending
December 31, 1947

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OF THE
Officers and Committees
OF THE
Town of Litchfield
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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

CHARLES B. CAMPBELL

Town Clerk

BARBARA CAMPBELL

Treasurer

STERLING COLBY

Selectmen

ARTHUR H. MORRILL SYLVESTER A. REID
CYRUS E. WILSON

Highway Agent

ARNOLD CAMPBELL

Auditors

ELOISE BARLOW CLARA E. AILSEN

Supervisors

ELOISE BARLOW CLARA E. AILSEN
ELIZABETH C. MORRILL

Ballot Clerks

FRED McQUESTEN JOHN A. REID
DOROTHY B. REID MARY E. WILSON

Tax Collector

JOHN A. REID

Chief of Police
DAVID A. CAMPBELL

Constable
JOHN A. REID

Overseer of the Poor
SYLVESTER A. REID

Police Officers
CHARLES B. CAMPBELL SYLVESTER A. REID
FRED McQUESTEN DANIEL TAPIN

Forest Fire Warden
FRED McQUESTEN

Deputy Fire Wardens
SYLVESTER A. REID DAVID A. CAMPBELL
ROY H. CAMPBELL JOHN A. REID
HERBERT C. LEACH

Health Officer
HERBERT C. LEACH

Library Trustees
JOHN A. REID LILLA G. COPP
DOUD A. CAMPBELL CORA B. COLBY
HELEN M. PARKER REBECCA G. BLODGETT

Librarian
FLORENCE C. CENTER

Moderator School District
HERBERT C. LEACH

Treasurer School District
ELIZABETH C. MORRILL

School Board
J. WESLEY FRENCH LIZZIE D. SHEPHERD
CLARA HILL

Auditors School District
EDWIN B. HILL HELEN M. PARKER

Trustees Town Trust Funds
JOHN A. REID DAVID A. CAMPBELL
CYRUS E. WILSON

Fence Viewers
CHARLES B. CAMPBELL JOHN A. REID

IRA D. FORD
Surveyors Wood and Lumber

CHARLES B. CAMPBELL JOHN A. REID
IRA D. FORD

Fire Wards
Chief, J. WESLEY FRENCH
Assistants, SYLVESTER A. REID,
HENRY J. PLOUF, JR.

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

[L. s.]

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Litchfield on Tuesday, the 9th day of March, next at one o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To elect candidates to the National Conventions.
4. To elect a delegate to the State Constitutional Convention.
5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Public Library.
6. To see if the Town will vote to accept Town Road Aid for permanent improvement of highways.
7. To see what action the Town will take in regard to Memorial Day and make appropriation for the same.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$52.92 (1/100th of one percent of the Town Valuation based on the 1947 assessment) to the Merrimack Valley Region Association.

9. To see what action the Town will take in regard to a new Snow Plow or Blade and make appropriation for the same.

10. To see if the Town will vote to continue the Town Survey, make provisions for same and pass any vote relating thereto.

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of Taxes for the year 1948.

12. To see if the Town will raise a sum of money for Fire Department use.

13. To see if the Town will send the Chief and one or two assistants to Summer Fire School.

14. To see if the Town will vote to pay the Firemen a salary.

15. To see if the Town will vote to house the Fire Department on the lower floor of the Town Hall and hold their meetings there. This could be done by putting doors in the side of the building.

16. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 14th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

ARTHUR H. MORRILL,
SYLVESTER A. REID,
CYRUS E. WILSON,
Selectmen of Litchfield

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ARTHUR H. MORRILL,
SYLVESTER A. REID,
CYRUS E. WILSON,
Selectmen of Litchfield

BUDGET

Estimated Expenditures for 1948

Town Officers' Salaries	\$618.00
Town Officers' Expenses	675.00
Election and Registration	50.00
Town Hall	15.00
Police Department	50.00
Fire Department	100.00
Town Maintenance, Summer	400.00
Town Maintenance, Winter	800.00
General Expense, Highway Dept.	100.00
Survey Map	100.00
Library	37.50
Town Poor	50.00
Memorial Day	25.00
Cemeteries	15.00
County Tax	2,000.00
School District	6,500.00
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	\$13,821.80

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Summary Inventory

Lands and Buildings	\$385,720.00
Growing Wood and Lumber	14,981.00
Electric Plants	94,537.00
Horses (12)	910.00
Cows (92)	9,555.00
Neat Stock (9)	525.00
Hogs (51)	990.00
Fowls (4510)	6,523.00
Portable Mills and Machinery (3)	1,150.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks (3)	405.00
Stock in Trade	500.00
Moore's Falls Corporation	20,000.00
Lumber	4,495.00

\$540,291.00

Less Soldiers' Exemptions and Exemptions
to Blind 11,050.00

\$529,241.00

Revenue From:

Savings Bank Tax	\$44.44
Interest and Dividend Tax	74.95
National Bank Tax	63.00
Motor Vehicle Permits, 1947	353.65

\$536.04

Total Amount of Taxes	\$14,420.09
Total Amount of Property Tax	14,025.09
Poll Taxes at \$2.00	332.00

COMPARATIVE LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Actual Expendi- tures	Estimated Expendi- tures	Increase	Decrease
Town Officers' Salaries	\$618.00	\$618.00	.....	.....
Town Officers' Expenses	672.98	675.00	.....	2.02
Election and Registration ...	52.00	52.00	2.00	.....
Town Hall Expenses	16.00	15.00	1.00	.....
Police Dept.	92.61	50.00	42.61	.....
Fire Dept.	1,259.01	100.00	1,159.01	.....
Town Maintenance	305.00	400.00	.....	95.00
Town Maintenance:				
Snow Removal	1,271.99	800.00	471.99	.....
Highway Dept.	19.25	100.00	.....	81.00
Town Road Aid	167.89	168.53	.....	.64
Survey Map	90.00	100.00	.....	10.00
Library	37.50	37.50	.....	.....
County Poor	38.60	35.00	3.60	.....
Memorial Day	3.50	25.00	.....	21.50
Cemeteries	15.00	15.00	.....	.....
County Tax	2,178.18	2,000.00	178.18	.....
Schools	6,268.49	6,500.00	.....	231.51
Abatements Refunded	307.70	50.00	257.70	.....
Merrimack Valley Regional				
Assn.	47.77	47.77	.....	.....
Interest	25.00	25.00	.....	.....
Dog Damage	60.00	10.00	50.00	.....
Temporary Loans	2,000.00	2,000.00	.....	.....
	<u>\$15,536.47</u>	<u>\$13,821.80</u>	<u>\$1,616.09</u>	<u>\$441.67</u>

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1947	\$3,240.01
Uncollected Taxes, 1947	\$2,400.89
Uncollected Taxes 1946	22.65
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	2,423.54
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Total Assets	\$5,663.55

Liabilities

Due School District 1947 Appropriation	\$1,574.19
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Excess of Assets over Liabilities	\$4,069.36

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall and Lot	\$5,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	175.00
Library Building and Lot	22,200.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Fire Department Equipment	682.00
School Building and Lot	17,000.00
School Equipment	1,500.00
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	\$47,057.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Motor Vehicle Permits 1946-1947 ..	\$576.42	\$576.42
Dog Licenses	49.00	
Less Fees	4.20	44.80

\$621.22

Paid Treasurer \$621.22

BARBARA CAMPBELL,

Town Clerk.

Audited and approved January 30, 1948

ELOISE BARLOW,

CLARA LYNCH AIKEN,

Auditors.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Summary of 1947 Police Work

- 47 Warnings for Speeding
- 2 Speeders Convicted
- 1 Drunken Driver Convicted
- 88 Defective Equipment Tags Issued
- 15 Stop Sign Warnings
- 61 Complaints Answered
- 7 Times Called to Help Other Departments
- 4 Dogs Disposed of
- 3 Dogs reported Killed by Traffic
- 136 No Trespassing Signs Issued
- 6 Cases of Larceny Reported
- 5 Suspicious Persons Reported and Checked
- 12 Inquiries Answered for Federal Agency

DAVID A. CAMPBELL

DANIEL LAPIN

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Selectmen's Warrant	\$14,420.09
Paid Sterling Colby, new	\$12,019.20
Uncollected, December 31, 1947	2,400.89
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	\$14,420.09

1945 Taxes	\$36.65
1945 Interest80
1946 Tax	1,399.95
1946 Interest	20.00
1947 Taxes	12,019.20
1939 Red and Interest	100.00
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Total Paid to Treasurer \$13,576.60

JOHN A. REID

Tax Collector.

Audited and Approved January 30, 1948

ELOISE BARLOW,
CLARA LYNCH AIKEN,
Auditors.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1946 \$2,020.46

Received from:

John A. Reid, Collector

1945 tax	11.65
1945 interest .....	.84
1946 tax	1,297.00
1946 interest	20.00
1947 tax	11,720.20
Taxes redeemed	80.00
Interest redeemed taxes	20.00
National bank tax	63.00
Poll tax regular 1945	10.00
Poll tax regular 1946	102.00
Poll tax regular 1947	236.00
Poll tax special 1945	15.00

State Treasurer

Use of equipment	5.10
Patrolling roads (fire hazard)	91.03
Savings bank tax	44.44
Interest and dividends tax	74.95
State forest tax refund	8.74

Elizabeth C. Repman, Town Clerk

1947 Motor vehicle permits	222.77
1947 Dog license	4.00

Barbara Campbell, Town Clerk

1947 Motor vehicle permits	353.65
1947 Dog licenses	40.80

Other Sources:

Harold G. French, refund on insurance	8.41
Town of Hudson, forest fire account	168.55

Town Trustees:

Loan	2,000.00
Appropriated from Highway Fund	167.89

Total receipts	\$18,786.48
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Payments

Paid Selectmen's orders	\$15,546.47
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1947	3,240.01

\$18,786.48

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Current Revenue from Local Taxes

Property and Poll Taxes Committed to Collector for 1947	\$14,420.09
Property Tax, 1947	\$11,720.20
Property Tax, 1946	1,297.00
Interest, 1946	20.00
Property Tax, 1945	11.65
Interest, 1945 .....	.84
National Bank Tax	63.00
Poll Tax 1947 Regular	236.00
Poll Tax 1946 Regular	102.00
Poll Tax 1945 Regular	10.00
Poll Tax 1945 Special	15.00
1939 Unredeemed Taxes	80.00
Interest Redeemed Taxes	20.00

From State Treasurer:

Use of Plow	5.10
State Forester Fire Patrol	91.03
Savings Bank Tax	44.44
Interest and Dividend Tax	74.95
State Forest Land Tax Refund ..	8.74

From Town Clerk:

M. E. Repman, 1946-1947 M.V.P.	222.77
Dog License	4.00

Motor Vehicle Permits:

Barbara Campbell	353.65
Dog Licenses	40.80
Total Auto Permits	\$576.42

Other Sources :

Refund on Audit of Workman's insurance	8.41	
Town of Hudson, Forest Fire ...	168.55	
J. H. Reid, Treas., Town Trust Funds, T.R.A. Account	167.89	
J. H. Reid, Treas., Town Trust Funds, Temporary Loans	2,000.00	
Cash on Hand	2,020.46	
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Total	\$18,786.48	

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICER'S SALARIES

Clerk, Barbara Campbell	\$50.00
Treasurer, Stirling Colby	50.00
Selectman Arthur H. Morrill	150.00
Selectman Sylvester H. Reid	100.00
Selectman Cyrus E. Wilson	100.00
Tax Collector John A. Reid	100.00
Chief of Police David A. Campbell	50.00
Auditor Eloise Barlow	9.00
Auditor Clara E. Aiken	9.00
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	\$618.00

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

N. H. Assessors' Association dues	\$2.00
Clara E. Lynch, typing Town Report	9.00
McQuestens, Town Reports	150.00
Harold French, Employees Insurance	122.11
Donat Corriveau, Reg. of Deeds	8.69
Wilfred J. Boisvert, Reg. of Probate .....	.40
Edson C. Eastman, Dog tags	3.66

Wm. G. Berry Co., Insurance	102.50
McQuestens, Town Book	8.70
G. Putnam, Town Hall Insurance	68.50
Edson C. Eastman, Collector's Book	3.25
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., Phone Service	1.07
N. H. Town Clerk's Association dues	2.00
Arthur H. Morrill, Selectman expenses	28.60
David A. Campbell, Police Expenses	26.00
J. A. Reid, Tax Collector Expenses	60.00
J. A. Reid, Trustees' Expenses	21.00
Barbara Campbell, Town Clerk's fees	55.50
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	\$672.98

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Charles B. Campbell, Moderator 1947	\$4.00
Eloise Barlow, Supervisor	15.00
Clara E. Aiken, Supervisor	15.00
Elizabeth C. Morrill, Supervisor	15.00
Charles B. Campbell, Moderator 1946	3.00
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	\$52.00

TOWN HALL EXPENSES

Public Service Co. of N. H., lights	\$12.00
C. W. Haight, Janitor service	4.00
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	\$16.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

N. H. Humane Society	\$2.50
Sylvester A. Reid	3.00
J. A. Reid	2.00
Daniel Lapin	85.11
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	\$92.61

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Treasurer of the United States, Equipment ...	\$550.00
S. H. Reid, Prop. Parts	2.73
Fred McQuesten, Forest Fire	49.75
Tabor Stamp Co., Fireman Badges	2.80
Robert Jerry, Pump Repairs	8.70
J. W. French, Repairs	2.00
Treasurer of the United States, 48 Lg. Fire Hose	132.00
Osgood's, Fan Belt	1.86
Colby Bros., 2 Tires, Fire Truck	44.60
J. W. French, Fireman's Badges	55.50
Geo. D. Park, 2 Batteries	27.68
Chas. B. Campbell, Acid	10.00
F. W. McQuesten, Fire Warden	168.55
F. W. McQuesten, Patrolling Roads	182.05
Geo. D. Park, 1 Battery	15.75
Johnson Elec. Supply, 2 Batteries	5.04
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	\$1,259.01

PROPERTY MAP

Charles B. Campbell	\$90.00
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T.R.A. ACCOUNT

State Treasurer	\$167.89
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TOWN MAINTENANCE

Roy P. Avery, Mowing Brush	\$57.00
David A. Campbell, Misc. Road Work	79.75
Hirsch Bros., Bulldozer, Paige Road and Martin Road	120.00
David A. Campbell, repairs to Paige and Martin Roads	48.25
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	\$305.00

GENERAL EXPENSE HIGHWAY DEPT.

David A. Campbell, Plow Parts	\$1.70
Roy Avery, Plow Repairs	17.55
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	\$19.25

DOG DAMAGE

Henry Desrocher, 60 Hens killed by dogs	\$60.00
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SNOW REMOVAL

Roy Avery, Plowing Snow, Truck and Helpers	\$238.00
David A. Campbell, Truck and Helpers	161.75
David A. Campbell, Truck and Helpers	173.25
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, 2¼ ton salt ..	40.50
David A. Campbell, Snow, Truck and Helper ..	88.75
Laurence Olson, Plowing	6.00
David A. Campbell, Snow, Truck and Helper ..	33.75
Roger Anderson, 61 bags salt	39.65
Griffin & Gage, Plow Water Holes	13.00
Roy Avery, Plowing, Truck and Helper	272.95
David A. Campbell, Truck and Helper	204.39
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	\$1,271.99

COUNTY POOR

Sylvester A. Reid, Overseer of Poor	\$38.60
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LIBRARIES

J. A. Reid, Treasurer	\$37.50
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MEMORIAL DAY

Philip Morris Co., 50 Flags	\$3.50
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MERRIMACK VALLEY REGIONAL ASSOCIATION

Town Donation	\$47.77
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CEMETERIES

Roy P. Avery, Mowing Brush	\$15.00
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ABATEMENTS REFUNDED

J. A. Reid, Collector	\$307.70
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SCHOOL DISTRICT

Elizabeth C. Morrill, Treasurer	\$6,268.49
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INTEREST TEMPORARY LOAN

J. A. Reid, Trustees Town Trust Funds	\$25.00
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PAYMENT TEMPORARY LOAN

J. A. Reid, Trustee Town Trust Funds	\$2,000.00
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COUNTY TAX

Treasurer, Hillsboro County	\$2,178.18
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Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR H. MORRILL,
SYLVESTER A. REID,
CYRUS E. WILSON,
Selectmen of Litchfield.

Audited and approved.

ELOISE BARLOW,
CLARA LYNCH AIKEN,
Auditors.

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries	\$618.00
Town Officers' Expenses	672.98
Election and Registration	52.00
Town Hall Expenses	16.00
Police Department	92.61
Fire Department	1,259.01
Property Map	90.00
T.R.A. Account to State	167.89
Town Maintenance	305.00
Snow Removal	1,271.99
General Expense, Highway Dept.	19.25
Library	37.50
County Poor	38.60
Memorial Day	3.50
Cemeteries	15.00
Abatements	307.70
School District	6,268.49
Interest	25.00
Temporary Loan	2,000.00
County Tax	2,178.18
Merrimack Valley Regions Association	47.77
Dog Damage	60.00
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	\$15,546.47

REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT

Town Maintenance

Roy Avery, Mowing Brush	\$57.00
David C. Campbell, Misc. Road Work	79.75
Hirsch Bros., use of Bulldozer	120.00
David A. Campbell, Repairs Page and Martin Roads	48.25
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	\$305.00

Snow Removal

David A. Campbell, Truck and Helpers	\$661.89
Roy Avery, Truck and Helpers	510.95
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, 2¼ ton Salt ..	40.50
Roger Anderson, 61 bags Salt	39.65
Laurence Olson, Plowing Water Hole	6.00
Griffin & Gage, Plowing Water Hole	13.00
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	\$1,271.99

Respectfully submitted,

ARNOLD CAMPBELL,
Road Agent

Audited and approved January 30, 1948

ELOISE BARLOW,
CLARA LYNCH AIKEN,
Auditors

REPORT OF TRUST, OF TOWN TRUST FUNDS

Litchfield, N. H., Dec. 31, 1947

BANCROFT HIGHWAY FUND

Dec. 31, 1946—Balance in Manchester Savings	
Bank	\$4,737.95
Dividends and interest	104.95
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	\$4,842.90
Expenditures	167.89
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Dec. 31, 1947—Balance on hand	\$4,675.01
Dec. 31, 1946—Balance on hand in Amoskeag	
Savings Bank	\$561.82
Dividend	11.28
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Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1947	\$573.10
Total Fund	\$5,248.11

AARON CUTTER LIBRARY FUND

Dec. 31, 1946—Balance in Manchester Savings	
Bank	\$7,724.75
Dividends & Interest	1,156.18
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Total receipts	\$8,880.93
Total payments	1,315.30
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Dec. 31, 1947—Balance on hand	\$7,565.63
Government Bonds	4,200.00
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	\$11,765.63
Estimated Value of Stocks, Dec. 31, 1947	\$14,000.00

SHARES OF STOCK

25 Shares American Tel. & Tel. Co.
 8 American Sugar
 1 American Woolen
 10 United States Steel
 30 Reese Buttonhole Co.
 30 American Locomotive, Pr
 52 American Locomotive, Common
 22 United States Leather
 10 McNeal & Libby

SELAR BIXBY LIBRARY FUND

Dec. 31, 1946—Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$93.60
Dividend	2.34
Dec. 31, 1947—Balance on hand	\$95.94

JOHN KENNARD LIBRARY FUND

Dec. 31, 1946—Balance in Amoskeag Savings	
Bank	\$637.18
Dividend	12.80
Dec. 31, 1947—Balance on hand	\$649.98

ALPHONSE POWERS CEMETERY FUND

Dec. 31, 1946—Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$101.47
Dividends	2.54
	\$104.01
Pay out care of lot	2.25
Dec. 31, 1947—Balance in Bank book	\$101.76

JOE WHITTEMORE CEMETERY FUND

Dec. 31, 1946—Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$102.98
Dividend	2.58
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	\$105.56
Paid care of lot	2.00
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Dec. 31, 1947—Balance Savings Bank	\$103.56

MARY L. MARSH CEMETERY FUND

Dec. 31, 1946—Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$107.00
Dividend	2.69
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	\$109.69
Paid for care of lot	4.00
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Dec. 31, 1947—Balance Savings Bank	\$105.69

CHARLES G. PARKER CEMETERY FUND

Dec. 31, 1946—Balance Amoskeag Savings Bank	\$140.82
Dividend	3.53
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	\$144.35
Paid for care of lot	5.00
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	\$149.35
Dec. 31, 1947—Balance Amoskeag Savings Bank	\$139.35

SELAH BIXBY CEMETERY FUND

Dec. 31, 1946—Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$1,520.73
Dividend	38.24
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	\$1,558.97
Paid, care of lot	20.00
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Dec. 31, 1947—Balance Savings Bank	\$1,538.97

Respectfully submitted

JOHN A. REID,
CYRUS E. WILSON,
DAVID A. CAMPBELL,
*Trustees of Trust Funds,
Town of Litchfield, N. H.*

Audited and approved January 30, 1948

ELOISE BARLOW,
CLARA LYNCH AIKEN,
Auditors

REPORT OF TOWN LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Cash on hand January 1, 1947	\$67.34
Received from Town	37.50
Cutler Library Fund	1,302.40
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	\$1,407.24

Expenditures

Public Service Co. of N. H.	\$23.04
C. W. Haight, Janitor	191.25
Florence C. Center, Librarian	150.00
Lovejoy & Smith, Oil Burner	378.30
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, Coal	29.46
J. A. Reid, Wood	7.00
Fuller Oil, Fuel	146.80
Books and Magazines	183.17
Bank Check Charge	3.49
J. A. Reid, Telephone and postage ..	2.22
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	1,114.73
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	\$292.51

Audited and approved January 30, 1948

ELOISE BARLOW,
CLARA LYNCH AIKEN,
Auditors

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

SUPPLEMENTARY CATALOG

December 31, 1946—December 31, 1947

GENERAL

Angle, ed., Lincoln Reader	5307
Coatsworth, Maine Ways	5280
Coffin, Yankee Coast	5281
Fischer, Why They Behave Like Russians	5308
Greenslet, Lowells and Their Seven Worlds	5258
Gunther, Inside U. S. A.	5262
Haig-Brown, River Never Sleeps	5252
Hall, Journey to the End of an Era	5270
Hard, The Connecticut	5304
Keith, Three Came Home	5295
Kielty, Treasury of Short Stories	5316
Longfellow, Favorite Poems	5313
Look, Central Northwest	5290
Look, New England	5289
Marlowe, Churches of Old New England	5303
Marshall, Together	5254
Mauldin, Back Home	5312
Mitchell, Encyclopedia of American Politics	5257
Mitchell, It's an Old New England Custom	5344
New Hampshire, Laws 1947	5314
New Hampshire, Manual for the General Court, 1947	5306
Omar Khayyam, Rubaiyat	5309
Purdy, Gilbert and Sullivan	5317
Pyle, Home Country	5284
Richmond, Right as Rain	5247

Small, Four Fares to Juneau	5268
Snow, Pilgrim Returns to Cape Cod	5255
Stanton, My Life in Paris	5296
Toynbee, Study of History	5291
Trevor-Roper, Last Days of Hitler	5261

FICTION

Andrezel, Angelic Avengers	5245
Asch, East River	5250
Baldwin, Alimony	5321
Baldwin, Give Love the Air	5278
Brand, False Rider	5286
Caine, Eternal City	5319
Caldwell, There Was a Time	5266
Cody, Bitter Creek	5287
Collins, Dulcimer Street	5274
Costain, Moneyman	5264
Cooper, Summer Stranger	5345
Davies, Miracle on 34th Street	5283
Dickens, Happy Prisoner	5279
Duncan, Gus the Great	5299
Ford, Woman in Black	5269
Fox, Cactus Cavalier	5285
Freedman, Mrs. Mike	5248
Goertz, Give Us Our Dream	5295
Goodwin, Clementine	5256
Hobson, Gentleman's Agreement	5300
Hodgins, Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House ..	5253
Karig, Zotz!	5311
Koestler, Thieves in the Night	5251
Leslie, There's a Spot in My Heart	5271
McCrone, Red Plush	5315
Marsh, Final Curtain	5267
Marshall, Vesters in Vienna	5260
Nathan, Mr. Whittle and the Evening Star	5347
Ramuz, When the Mountain Fell	5310

Reilly, The Farmhouse	5277
Richter, Always Young and Fair	5346
Roberts, Lydia Bailey	5249
Ross, Left Hand Is the Dreamer	5272
Scott, Story of Mrs. Murphy	5263
Shapiro, Buckaroo	5288
Short, Station West	5265
Stoll, Dove Found No Rest	5273
Wellman, Walls of Jerico	5301
Wentworth, Latter End	5246
Williamson, Woman in Grey	5320
Wood, East Lynne	5318

JUVENILE

Aldrich, Story of a Bad Boy	5340
Barrie, Peter and Wendy	5338
Burnett, Little Lord Fauntleroy	5331
Carlisle and Nelson, Modern Wonder Book of Ships	5276
Clemens, Adventures of Tom Sawyer	5244
Clemens, Huckleberry Finn	5333
Dannecker, Fisherman Simms	5292
Davis, Days in Old Rome	5341
Grahame, Wind in the Willows	5335
Gunnarsson, Good Shepherd	5305
Hawthorne, Tanglewood Tales	5343
Irving, Sketch Book	5337
James, Smoky	5322
Kelly, Hand in the Picture	5282
Kingsley, Water Babies	5339
Kipling, Captains Courageous	5323
Lenski, Judy's Journey	5275
London, White Fang	5336
Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables	5324
Mother Goose, Rainbow Mother Goose	5294
Muloch, Adventures of a Brownie	5334
Richards, Margaret Montfort	5298

Richards, Rita	5325
Richards, Three Margarets	5297
Schurn, Shy Little Kitten	5342
Smock, Little and Big	5293
Stowe, Uncle Tom's Cabin	5327
Swift, Gulliver's Travels	5328
Tarkington, Penrod	5329
Terhune, Lad, a Dog	5330

RESOURCES

Number of volumes at beginning of year	5243
Number added by purchase	98
Number added by gift	4
State documents added	2
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SERVICES

Number of volumes loaned to adults	683
Number loaned to children	280
Magazines, pamphlets, etc., loaned	96
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Total circulation	959

DONATIONS

Books	Mrs. Maria Fish
Books, historical papers, map	Mrs. C. A. Repman

PERIODICALS

Education	Scholastic
Good Housekeeping	Time
Health	Troubador
Life	Wilson Library Bulletin
Nature	Yankee
Popular Science	

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE C. CENTER,

Librarian

To the Selectmen of Litchfield:

Each year many wardens request the preparation of a statement about forest fires for publication in the annual town report. These requests this year have been more numerous than usual in view of the serious fire situation which developed last October and which could occur again under similar circumstances.

We believe that the publication of the following statement will be helpful and respectfully solicit your cooperation to that end.

CHARLES F. YOUNG,
District Chief

FOREST FIRE PROBLEM SERIOUS

The year 1947 was one of the worst periods of drouth and forest fire occurrence in eastern United States history. Lack of water ruined crops, lowered water levels and dried up brooks everywhere. Three months of deficient rainfall and abnormally high temperatures resulted in many fires which were mostly well controlled and kept within bounds. Only the high winds beginning on October 23rd caused a few fires to escape beyond immediate control. These few fires resulted in burning some 15,000 acres and the loss of 63 or more buildings in four New Hampshire towns.

All October fires were costly. They burned deeply in the ground and required day and night patrol of large crews of men until the rains came late in October. Towns which escaped from serious fires might easily have been in the midst of the most serious conflagrations we had.

Governor Dale closed the woods effective at midnight of October 15th. With the blow-up of October 23rd, a second proclamation closed all back roads and authorized towns to inaugurate patrol. The effect of this was to cut down subsequent fires for the rest of the dry period.

Local fire warden forces performed an admirable job to hold the more than 200 fires that occurred during this October period. Many men were taxed to the utmost as the emergency continued. To them and all who did their work, the people of New Hampshire owe a debt of gratitude. The state forest fire control agency based on local town wardens and town crews wherever adequately equipped rose to the occasion and met the test in whatever town their services were needed.

It is now time to take stock everywhere of our fire fighting facilities for the season ahead and to make them adequate where necessary. To this end town fire plans and training programs for wardens, deputies and other key men in each district are being arranged or in progress. If equipment and tools are insufficient properly to equip the available man power in each community with the right tools for the job, they should be provided for at once. The yearly addition of fire tools to the town supply will generally need to be built up. The state sells tools to the towns and shares one-half their cost. Good equipment is important and can help greatly to keep both damage and fire costs at a minimum.

For many years we have requested our wardens not to issue burning permits except on rainy days. This regulation will be in effect again this year as it is one of the best means of assuring such fires from getting out of control. Nine out of every ten fires can be prevented, 98 percent of all fires being due to human carelessness. Be sure to get a permit for any fire in or near woodland when the ground is free from snow. Be sure your fires are always out before you leave them. Help us in getting the travelling public to keep from

throwing out lighted matches or cigarettes. Be careful of all fires in or near woodland.

CHARLES F. YOUNG,
District Chief

1947 Fire Record

Number of Fires	1
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Acreage Burned	1
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Number of Fire Permits Issued	
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FRED McQUESTEN,
Forest Fire Warden

SCHOOL WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of
Litchfield, qualified to vote in district affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the School House in said district on the 6th day of March 1948, at 8 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment

of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.

9. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Litchfield this 16th day of February, 1948.

J. WESLEY FRENCH,
CLARA W. HILL,
LIZZIE D. SHEPHERD,
School Board.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

J. WESLEY FRENCH,
CLARA W. HILL,
LIZZIE D. SHEPHERD,
School Board.

LITCHFIELD SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1946—June 30, 1947

Cash on hand	\$1,502.55
Sterling Colby, Treasurer	6,041.49
Sterling Colby, Treasurer, Dog Tax	27.00
State Treasurer, State Aid	1,685.51
State Treasurer, lunch aid	240.31
Hudson School District, sale of crayons	3.60
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	\$9,500.46

Expenditures

Rebecca Blodgett, teaching	\$1,383.00
Florence C. Center, teaching	1,142.70
John M. Priske, music	200.00
Colby Bros., transportation	1,650.00
Margaret Cronin, Medical Sup.	113.78
Mary Haight, Lunch Supervisor	278.54
Newell Carney, Janitor	500.00
Newell Carney, extra labor	32.99
Newell Carney, taking census	10.00
Wm. G. Parker, bond	25.00
Rebecca Blodgett, graduation expense	25.00
Mary Sherburne, graduation diplomas .....	.50
Rebecca Blodgett, supplies	1.62
West Company, supplies	23.06
Dorothy Reid, teaching	71.50
Helen Parker, teaching	27.50
Lizzie D. Shepherd, sal. and expense	51.04

Clara W. Hill, sal. and expense	40.65
J. W. French, salary	40.00
Elizabeth C. Morrill, sal. and expense	44.20
Teachers' Retirement Fund	100.00
Geo. Park, fuel oil and repairs	335.51
State Treasurer, per capita tax	130.00
Col. of Internal Revenue	213.50
M. Fuller, Treas.	132.73
John B. Varick Co., supplies	1.15
Am. Ed. Press Co., books	12.00
City of Nashua, tuitions	1,452.96
City of Manchester, tuitions	369.00
School Dist. of Hudson	4.48
Catherine Hammond, salary	126.00
Public Service Co., lights	39.88
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone	31.05
Helen M. Parker, auditor	6.00
Edwin B. Hill, auditor	6.00
Johnson's Electric Shop, supplies	26.10
Mary Haight, state aid for lunches	126.13
McDonald Kitchen Ware Store, supplies	2.72
J. J. Newberry Co., mugs	2.92
Webster Pub. Co., supplies	27.39
MacMillan Co., supplies	3.99
Edward E. Babb & Co., supplies	42.62
Hammett Co., supplies	5.39
J. W. French, filing saws	1.50
Eldson C. Eastman Co., books	9.12
Floor Shine Wax, supplies	30.35
Nashua Hardware Co., supplies	1.20
Fred McQuesten, labor	23.80
Moore's Market, supplies	10.00
Merrill F. Whitney, supplies	9.25
Scott, Foresman & Co., books	33.04
Gregg & Son, wood	7.50
Sears, Roebuck & Co., equipment	18.51

R. H. Llewellyn Co., supplies	3.78
Beckley Cardy Co., books	24.06
Am. Book Co., books	6.08
Iroquois Pub. Co., books	2.49
Mrs. Bete, lunch supervisor	33.00
Ginn & Co., supplies	10.40
Cascade Paper Co., sharpener	3.60
Phillip Morris Co., supplies	18.00
Oliver J. Boisvert, painting	258.00
Hill Bros., clearing yard	48.00
Frank H. Bailey & Sons, spraying ivy	15.00
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	\$9,425.28

ELIZABETH C. MORRILL,
District Treasurer

Total Receipts	\$9,500.46
Total Payments	9,425.28
Balance on hand	\$75.18

Audited and approved July 9, 1947

HELEN M. PARKER,
EDWIN B. HILL,
Auditors

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

School District of Litchfield

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1947

Summary

Cash on hand June 30, 1946		
(Treasurer's bank balance)	\$1,502.55	\$1,502.55
Received from Selectmen:		
Appropriations for current year ..	\$6,041.49	
Dog Tax	27.00	
Received from State Treasurer:		
(State aid)	1,685.51	
Federal reimbursements	240.31	
Received from all other sources	3.60	
		<hr/> 7,997.91
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year		<hr/>
(Balance and receipts)	\$9,500.46	
Less School Board Orders Paid	9,425.28	
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Balance on Hand as of June 30, 1947		
(Treasurer's bank balance)	\$75.18	

ELIZABETH COLBY MORRILL,
District Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Litchfield, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947 and find them correct in all respects.

EDWIN B. HILL,
HELEN M. PARKER,
Auditors

July 9, 1947

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

To the Citizens of Litchfield:

We have had no changes in our personnel. With the shortage of teachers we are very fortunate. Our musical instruction is continuing with Mr. Priske. Miss Cronin is our school nurse.

We do appreciate our Superintendent Mr. Canfield's co-operation.

We have added the lip reading instruction the last few years with Mrs. Hammond.

Mrs. Haight has continued to be the lunch supervisor with much success.

The 4-H Club is under the guidance of Ralph Aiken and Mrs. Jean Leach this year. We hope they will continue with the work.

Last July we had the outside woodwork painted which has put the school building in very good condition.

A new teeter was made for recreation purposes and we hope to further our efforts this year.

J. WESLEY FRENCH,
CLARA W. HILL,
LIZZIE D. SHEPHERD,
School Board

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1948-1949

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LITCHFIELD

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1948.

Detailed Statement of Expenditures

Support of Schools:

Teachers' salaries	\$4,290.00
Text books	135.00
Scholars' supplies	135.00
Other expense of instruction	80.00
Janitor service	500.00
Fuel	514.00
Water, light and janitor supplies ..	90.00
Repairs and replacements	200.00
Health supervision	140.00
Transportation of pupils	1,650.00
Other special activities	250.00
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	\$7,984.00

Other Statutory Requirements:

Salaries of District Officers	\$192.00
High school tuition	2,800.00
Superintendent's excess salary	95.65
Per capita tax	142.00

Teachers' retirement fund	201.37	
Other obligations	277.17	
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Total amount required to meet School Board's
 budget \$11,692.19

Estimated Income of District:

State Aid	\$2,820.43	
Dog Tax	20.00	
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Assessment required to balance School Board's
 budget \$8,851.76

J. WESLEY FRENCH,
 CLARA W. HILL,
 LIZZIE D. SHEPHERD,
School Board

RETURN OF DISTRICT REVENUE, 1947

School District of Litchfield

Support of Schools:

School Board budget of necessary expenses of
Instruction, Operation and Special Activities \$7,385.00

Other Statutory Requirements:

Salaries of district officers	\$182.00
Truant officer and school census ..	20.00
Superintendent's excess salary	102.33
\$2 per capita tax for supervision ..	126.00
Teachers' Retirement Fund	153.00
Tuition in high schools	2,300.00
Other obligations imposed by law .	250.00

3,133.33

Special Appropriations:

Bonus for teachers — voted at March 8th meeting	\$360.00
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360.00

Total amount of school board's budget and special
appropriations \$10,878.33

Deduction for estimated income of district from
sources other than current taxation 3,035.65

Amount to be raised by taxation for budget and
appropriations \$7,842.68

CERTIFICATES

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the obligations authorized, and the amounts to be assessed to meet statutory requirements and appropriations made at the annual meeting of the Litchfield school district held July 12, 1947.

CHARLES B. CAMPBELL,
Clerk of the School District

July 12, 1947

TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the financial proceedings of the district for 1947, and that copies of this statement have been filed with the chairman of the board of selectmen and entered in the records of the school board.

J. WESLEY FRENCH,
Chairman of the School Board

July 12, 1947

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE LITCHFIELD
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

July 1, 1946 to June 30, 1947

Receipts

Federal Aid:

National School Lunch	\$240.31
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State Aid:

Equalizations and (or) General Aid	1,685.51
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Local Taxation:

Support of schools, tuition, salaries, etc.	\$5,681.49
Special appropriations	360.00

Total	6,041.49
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From Sources Other Than Taxation:

Dog Licenses	\$27.00
Other receipts	3.60

Total	30.60
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Total receipts from all sources	\$7,997.91
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Cash on hand (School Account and Special Ac- counts) at beginning of year, July 1, 1946	1,502.55
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Grand Total	\$9,500.46
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Payments

Administration:

Salaries of district officers	\$202.00
Superintendent's excess salary	73.17
Tax for state wide supervision	130.00
Expenses of administration:	
Clerical assistants	48.78
Supplies and expenses	50.40

Instruction:

Principals' and teachers' salaries	3,122.20
Text books	85.72
Scholars' supplies	102.62
Other expenses of instruction	98.55

Operation of School Plant:

Janitors' salaries	523.06
Fuel or heat	342.24
Water, light, janitors' supplies	89.87
Repairs and replacements	373.74

Auxiliary Activities:

Health Supervision	113.78
Transportation	1,650.00
Tuition	1,821.96
Other activities: School lunches	
Labor	198.00
Food	239.67

Fixed Charges:

State retirement and other	100.00
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Capital Outlay:

New equipment	59.52
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Total Payments for All Purposes	\$9,425.28
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Total cash on hand at end of year (June 30, 1947)	75.18
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Grand Total	\$9,500.46
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BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1947

Assets

Cash on hand	\$75.18
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Total Assets	\$75.18
Net Debt (Excess of Liability Over Assets)
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Grand Total	\$75.18

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. WESLEY FRENCH,
CLARA W. HILL,
LIZZIE D. SHEPHERD,
School Board

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

February 11, 1947

*To the School Board and Citizens of the School District of
Litchfield:*

It is my privilege to offer you a second annual report concerning your school.

There are times when the even progress tends to suggest that not much is happening. That should not be taken for granted as true about our schools. The steady flow of a stream has great power. So the quiet movement of the school program may truly indicate that real power of understanding is being generated.

We are more fortunate than some of our neighbors in possessing a favorable school house. The School Board keeps a constant watch to see that conditions of structure and appearance are maintained at a high standard.

As is so generally true in the present time, increases in population of the town are suggesting probable increases in school enrollment. It may not be too early to begin thinking of the appropriate relief from a crowded situation. I should at present lean towards sending the two upper grades to some other established school rather than to think of a further building program.

It is right that I should commend to you the sincere, earnest efforts which your teachers are exerting for the welfare and development of your children. I am most favorably impressed with the fine lunch that is made available during the winter months at so small cost. It is truly an achievement of which Mrs. Haight may well be proud.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT W. CANFIELD,
Superintendent of Schools.

ENROLLMENT FEBRUARY 2, 1948

Grade I	7
Grade II	10
Grade III	5
Grade IV	5
Grade V	6
Grade VI	6
Grade VII	5
Grade VIII	3
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ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

1946-1947

Grade I—Dennis Adams, Francis Gilcreast

Grade V—Joseph Read, Thomas Read

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Litchfield, N. H., Feb. 6, 1948

To the Superintendent and School Board:.

Health report for school year from September 1946 to June 1947.

Number of pupils examined 44

Defects	Number Affected	Number Receiving treatment	Number Corrected
Underweight	2	2	1
Defective vision ..	1	1	
Defective hearing ..	1	1	
Defective teeth ...	31	4	10
Home visits			14
School visits			30

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET E. CRONIN, R.N.,
School Nurse.

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGES

Arnold Crowell Campbell of Litchfield, N. H. and Olive Jane Snetsinger of Detroit, Michigan, were married in Litchfield, N. H., on May 31, 1947.

Charles Edward Birchall of Manchester, N. H., and Maxine Vera Wilkesman of Litchfield, N. H., were married in Wilton, N. H., July 14, 1947.

Ralph Edward Aiken of Grasmere, N. H., and Clara E. Lynch of Litchfield, N. H., were married in New Boston, N. H., on July 19, 1947.

Alfred Amos Robideau of Springfield, Mass., and Alma Gertrude Labrie of Litchfield, N. H., were married in Nashua, N. H., on July 26, 1947.

Charles Melendy Parker of Litchfield, N. H., and Barbara Jane Blodgett, Litchfield, N. H., were married in Litchfield, N. H., August 16, 1947.

Frederick Crosby Goffe of Litchfield, N. H., and Doris Althea Conaty of Detroit, Michigan, were married in Nashua, N. H., August 23, 1946.

Edmund Douglas Leary of Lowell, Mass., and Florence Elizabeth Goffe of Litchfield, N. H., were married in Litchfield, N. H., September 7, 1947.

George E. Lavoie of Litchfield, N. H., and Alice Mary Beland of Litchfield, N. H., were married in Hudson, N. H., November 29, 1947.

BIRTHS

Sandra McQuesten, born in Nashua, N. H., May 4, 1947
to Mr. and Mrs. Fred McQuesten.



